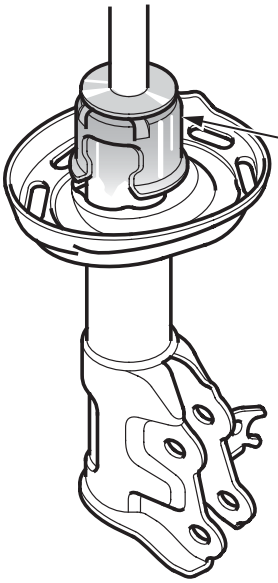
Oil Film at Top of Damper Working Chamber Is OK

Currently Applies To: ALL Models

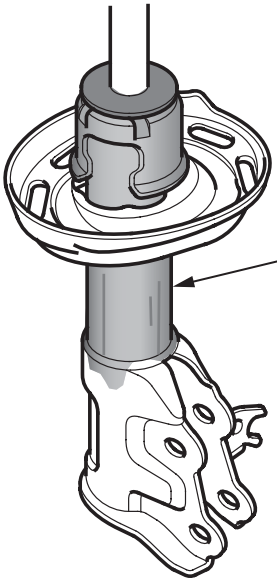
When a front or rear damper is working right, sometimes a light film of oil will form over the top of the working chamber.



A light film of oil covering the top of the working chamber is normal.

This doesn't mean there's a leak. It's just the result of the oil wiping off the rod as it travels back into the chamber. To make up for this loss, an extra amount of oil was added to the chamber when the damper was made. That light film of oil you see is normal and it doesn't mean you've got to replace the damper.

An actual leak, however, will be really obvious. A leaking damper will have enough oil dribbling down the side to leave a small puddle on the ground. A worn or damaged seal is the typical culprit.



Oil running down the side of the damper indicates an actual leak.

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